

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2447**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 66021.2 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2447, as introduced, Furutani. Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program.

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program (Cal Grant Program), establishes the Cal Grant awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission and establishes eligibility requirements for the awards for participating students attending qualifying postsecondary educational institutions.

Existing law establishes the long-term policy of the Cal Grant Program, which includes, among other things, a requirement that an applicant for a Cal Grant award receive an award that is not in excess of the financial need amount determined by the Student Aid Commission if he or she meets specified requirements.

This bill would prescribe a minimum funding level for the Cal Grant Program commencing with the 2011–12 fiscal year. This bill would provide that the total amount of funding appropriated for purposes of the Cal Grant Program in any fiscal year be subject to the annual Budget Act.

This bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes, and would delete obsolete language, in the provisions of law that establish the long-term policy of the Cal Grant Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 66021.2 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 66021.2. Consistent with the state's historic commitment to  
4 provide educational opportunity by ensuring both student access  
5 to and selection of an institution of higher education for students  
6 with financial need, the long-term policy of the  
7 Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program  
8 established pursuant to Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section  
9 69430) of Part 42 shall be as follows:  
10 (a) ~~Commencing with the 2001-02 academic year and every~~  
11 ~~year thereafter, an~~ Applicant for a Cal Grant A or B award shall  
12 receive an award that is not in excess of the financial need amount  
13 determined by the Student Aid Commission pursuant to Section  
14 69432.9 if he or she complies with all of the following  
15 requirements:  
16 (1) Demonstrates financial need under the criteria adopted  
17 pursuant to Section 69432.9.  
18 (2) Attains a grade point average, as defined in Section 69432.7,  
19 meeting the requirements of Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section  
20 69430) of Part 42.  
21 (3) Complies with each of the eligibility criteria applicable to  
22 the type of Cal Grant award for which he or she is applying.  
23 (b) (1) The maximum Cal Grant A award for a student attending  
24 the University of California or the California State University shall  
25 equal the mandatory systemwide fees in each of those segments.  
26 (2) The maximum Cal Grant B award for a student to which  
27 this subdivision is applicable shall equal the mandatory systemwide  
28 fees in the segment attended by the student, except for community  
29 college students who receive waivers from the Board of Governors  
30 of the California Community Colleges, plus the access award  
31 calculated as specified in Article 3 (commencing with Section  
32 69435) of Chapter 1.7 of Part 42, except that in the first year of  
33 enrollment in a qualifying institution, the maximum award shall  
34 be only for the amount of the access award.

(c) The maximum Cal Grant awards for students attending nonpublic institutions shall be as follows:

(1) The maximum Cal Grant A award shall equal the tuition award level established in the Budget Act of 2000, or the amount as adjusted in subsequent annual budget acts.

(2) The maximum Cal Grant B award shall equal the amount of the tuition award as established in the Budget Act of 2000, or the amount as adjusted in subsequent annual budget acts, plus the amount of the access costs specified in Section 69435, except that, in the first year of enrollment in a qualifying institution, the maximum award shall be only for the amount of the access award.

~~(d) Commencing with the 2000-01 academic year, and each academic year thereafter, the~~ The Cal Grant C award shall be utilized only for occupational or technical training.

~~(e) Commencing with the 2000-01 academic year, and each academic year thereafter, the~~ The Cal Grant T award shall be used only for one academic year of full-time attendance in a program of professional preparation that has been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

(f) An institution of higher education in this state that participates in the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program shall not reduce its level of per capita need-based institutional financial aid to undergraduate students, excluding loans, below the total level awarded in the 2000-01 academic year.

*(g) (1) Commencing with the 2011-12 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the minimum funding level for the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program shall be an amount equal to the amount of funding appropriated for purposes of the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program in the Budget Act of 2009, compounded annually by an inflation factor that is equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the prior year as published by the federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics.*

*(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the total amount appropriated for purposes of the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program in any fiscal year shall be subject to the annual Budget Act.*

~~(g)~~

(h) The implementation of the policy set forth in this section shall maintain a balance between the state's policy goals of

- 1 ensuring student access to and selection of an institution of higher  
2 education for students with financial need and academic merit.  
3 ~~(h)~~  
4 (i) It is the policy of the State of California that the  
5 Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program  
6 supplement the federal Pell Grant program.  
7 ~~(i)~~  
8 (j) An award under the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos  
9 Cal Grant Program shall not guarantee admission to an institution  
10 of higher education or admission to a specific campus or program.